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TO : Director, Office of Publication and Dissemination
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner
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SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of
Applicant(s) : Eric R. Ward et al
Application No. : 09/730,525
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The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,627,417 and an issue date of September 30, 2003.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant.

Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of September 30, 2003:

"All reference to Patent No. 6,627,417 to Eric R. Ward et al of North Carolina for HERBICIDE-TOLERANT PROTOX GENES PRODUCE BY DNA SHUFFLING appearing in the Official Gazette of September 30, 2003 should be deleted since no patent was granted."

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